

An Introduction to Community and Parish Nurses in the Upper Valley:

Community and Parish Nurses are employed by Upper Valley towns or churches to enhance the efforts of the community to care for our neighbors. Nurses work alongside families, volunteers and members of the health care and social service teams to support clients throughout the life span, especially those who wish to remain a vibrant part of their community as they age. This innovative nursing program adds a critical element to the continuum of care in our region.

The nurse is part of a team:

Making referrals to and taking referrals from: primary care providers, hospitals, home care agencies, neighbors, clergy, family and friends.

Clients receive care and consultation via:

- home visits
- phone calls/emails
- community education
- facilitation of Telehealth visits with providers
- joint visits to health care providers
- hospital, nursing home and assisted living facility visits

Community and Parish Nurses do not replace home care agency services (VNAs). The nurses work as part of a team to follow the client before, during and after discharge from skilled "home care" services.

There is no charge for services.

What does a Community or Parish Nurse do?

The nurse creates a plan to address client and caregiver needs that includes family support, health education and counseling. The care plan might also include:

- care management and care coordination with health care, social service and community providers
- fall risk assessment and intervention
- medication reconciliation
- preparation of advanced directives
- symptom management
- family support

The nurse addresses the needs of the community through education, clinics, support group facilitation and volunteer training.

Who is a Community or Parish Nurse?

An experienced, licensed professional with a depth of nursing knowledge, clinical skills and expertise, hired by a community or parish to address the health care needs of families and community members.

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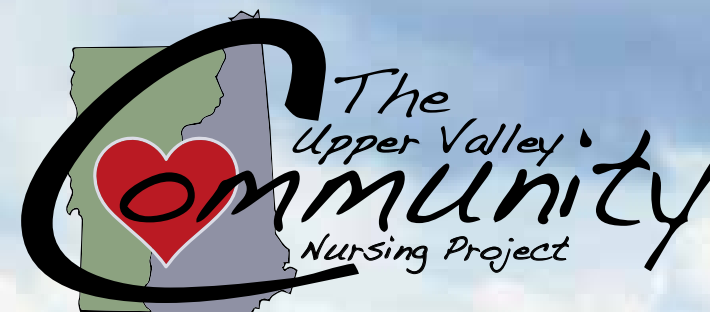
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• **What is a Community or Parish Nurse and what do they do?**

• **How can you locate a Community or Parish Nurse?**

For more information;
Upper Valley Community Nursing Project:

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HOW DO YOU LOCATE A COMMUNITY OR PARISH NURSE?

Thetford
Community Nurse of Thetford
communitynursethetford@gmail.com
Phone: 802-738-9066

Sharon
Sharon Health Initiative
Sharonhealthinitiative@gmail.com
Phone 802-230-8458

Norwich
Norwich Community Nurse
www.norwichcommunitynurse.org
Email: norwichnursevt@gmail.com
Phone: 802-281-2722

Hartland
Aging in Hartland
welcome@aginginhartland.org
Phone: 802-674-4118

Southern VT
Weston • Londonderry • S. Londonderry
Peru • Landgrove & Andover
My Community Nurse Project, Inc.
Email: mcnp.weston@gmail.com
Phone: 802-772-5607 and 802-824-9596

Lyme
Congregational Church
and Lyme community
lymeparishnurse@gmail.com
Phone: 603-795-2850

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The Church of Christ at Dartmouth
info@ccdcucc.org
Phone: 603-643-3150, ext.112
Town of Hanover Community Nurse
doris.yates@hanovernh.org
Phone: 603-727-2832

Lebanon
Lebanon Interdisciplinary
Geriatric Homecare Team (Light)
Light@gcsc.org
Call Service Link
Phone: 603-448-1558

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Contributing to the health and continuity of care for community members and congregations.
Enhancing the ability of all community members to grow up
and grow older with their friends and family.



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